



# TROY CITY VIEW

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## What Is the Value of Your Tax Dollar?

In an attempt to demonstrate the real value of a Troy resident's tax dollar, let us use the following example:

### MARKET VALUATION OF HOME: \$90,000

To determine assessed valuation, multiply by 35%:  $\$90,000 \times .35 = \$31,500$

To determine property tax liability, multiply assessed valuation by effective property tax rate:

Troy School District (TSD) -  $\$31,500 \times .04337 = \$1,366.16$

Miami East School District (MESD) -  $\$31,500 \times .03882 = \$1,222.83$

The 12.5% rollback reduces the tax to \$1,195.39 for TSD and \$1,069.98 for MESD. The City's 7.47% share of the \$1,195.39 from the TSD is \$89.30. The City's 3.19% share of the \$1,069.98 from the MESD is \$34.13.

Allocation of property tax paid (based on the effective rate):

	TROY School District	MIAMI EAST School District
Schools	67.77%	71.97%
Miami County	17.36%	19.40%
City of Troy	7.47%	3.19%
UVJVS	<u>7.40%</u>	<u>5.44%</u>
	100%	100%

### ANNUAL INCOME: \$45,000

The City of Troy income tax rate is 1.75%. The 1.75% is split with 1.25% going to the General Fund, 0.25% for the Safety Income Tax Fund and used for public safety, and 0.25% to the Capital Improvement Fund.

To determine earnings tax liability, multiply annual income by 1.75%:  $\$45,000 \times .0175 = \$788.00$

The General Fund gets \$562.50 and the Safety Income Tax and Capital Improvement Funds both get \$112.50. City income taxes are paid to the City in which you work; however, if the income tax rate where you work is less than 1.75%, the difference is paid to Troy.

### TOTAL ANNUAL TAX PAID TO THE CITY OF TROY

Property Tax	\$89.30 (TSD)	\$34.13 (MESD)
Income Tax	<u>\$788.00</u>	<u>\$788.00</u>
Total	\$877.30	\$822.13

### MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR CITY SERVICES

To determine the monthly expense for city services, divide the total tax paid by 12 months:

Troy School District -  $\$877.30/12 = \$73.11$       Miami East School District -  $\$822.13/12 = \$68.51$

The \$73.11 and \$68.51 per month is broken down as follows: Safety Income Tax Fund is \$9.40 for both TSD and MESD, General Fund is \$54.31 for TSD and \$49.71 for MESD, Capital Improvement Fund is \$9.40 for both TSD and MESD

#### A sampling of Safety Income Tax Fund expenditures provided for \$9.40 per month.

The \$9.40 per month only helps fund a very small portion of police and fire protection with a majority of the funding coming from the General Fund.

- Police Protection
- Fire Protection
- Bond payments for Fire Station #2 & Police Station
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Engines and Ambulances

#### A sampling of General Fund services provided at \$54.31 or \$49.71 per month:

- Police and Fire Protection
- Snow & Ice Removal
- Park Maintenance
- City Newsletter
- Dump Trucks/Snow Plows/Street Sweeper & Other Large Equipment
- Recreational Programs
- Trash Collection
- Zoning Enforcement
- Property Maintenance Code Enforcement
- Economic Development
- Catch Basin Maintenance
- Traffic Signals/Signs

#### A sampling of Capital Improvement Fund projects provided at \$9.40 per month.

The General Fund provides additional funding as needed for projects paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund.

- Roadway Improvements
- New Fire Station
- Annual Street Repaving
- Park Facilities and Improvements
- Recreational Facilities & Trails

### TROY'S INCOME TAX FILING DATE IS SET FOR APRIL 17

The Troy Income Tax Department would like to remind all residents 18 years of age and older that filing a Troy Tax Return is required whether or not a tax is due and must be turned in by midnight on April 17. Only properly qualified residents who have filed a Certification Form may be exempt from the City's mandatory filing requirement. Any return filed after midnight on April 17 will be considered late and may incur a \$15 late fee plus penalties and interest.

Need help filling out the tax form? Clerks are available to assist you. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition to normal business hours, the Office will be open on Saturday, April 1 and April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Please file early. Those waiting until the last week to file their returns should expect long lines. Although there are two clerks available to walk-ins, many taxpayers bring multiple returns for the clerks to complete or have complicated tax problems during the final week.

Please visit Troy's website at [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov) or call the Income Tax Department at (937) 339-3861 for additional assistance.

#### For comparison purposes, the following are common monthly expenses for a Troy family:

Gasoline:	\$80.00	Cable television:	\$50.00	Telephone service:	\$35.00
Eating out:	\$100.00	Car insurance:	\$100.00	Average gas & electric bill:	\$140.00

# CITY CALENDAR

## MARCH, 2006

6	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
7	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
8	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
16	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
20	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
22	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

## APRIL, 2006

3	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
4	Joint Meeting, Board of Park Commissioners And Recreation Board	11 a.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
20	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
26	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

## MAY, 2006

1	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
2	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
10	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
15	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
18	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
24	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
29	Memorial Day Holiday - City Offices Closed (Refuse Collection Delayed One Day All Week)	

## JUNE, 2006

2, 3, 4	Strawberry Festival Bed Races, Parade, and Levee Activities	
5	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
6	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
14	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
15	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
19	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
28	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

NOTE: All meetings are held at Troy City Hall,  
100 South Market Street, unless otherwise designated.

## 2006 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the City's website, [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov), as well as at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input. The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings planned for this spring.

Mon., Mar. 6	Mon., Apr. 3	Mon., May 1	Mon., June 5
Mon., Mar. 20	Mon., Apr. 17	Mon., May 15	Mon., June 19

# Your Tax Dollars at Work

## BARN IN THE PARK RESTROOMS

Restrooms (heated and ADA accessible) are being constructed to provide additional access for Community Park and Barn-in-the-Park users. Construction is started and expected to be complete by mid-April of 2006.

## MIAMI SHORES RESTROOMS

A new ADA accessible restroom facility is being built to replace the old building. The old restroom structure has been demolished and construction began in February. If weather cooperates, the facility will be in service by early in the golfing season.

## COMMERCE CENTER BLVD.

Bids will be opened in mid-March, and construction could begin as early as April on a new roadway that will connect from S. Stanfield to McKaig Road. The new Honda facility will be built fronting along this new roadway. The project, estimated at \$1 million will be funded in part from grants totaling \$700,000.

## RIDGE AND PETERS

Construction on this roadway segment is expected to begin in the 2nd quarter of 2006.

## SOUTHWEST INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Construction will begin by early March on this project, which will increase the size and depth of the sanitary sewer interceptor to the wastewater treatment plant. Most of the work for this project will take place in the right-of-way, so there will be little, if any, interruption to the citizens. The project also includes some new water lines.

# Fence Regulations Have Changed

Effective March 8, 2006 there will be three changes to the fence regulations. The first change requires that all supporting posts be located on the side facing the interior of the property upon which they are located and may not exceed the fence or wall height by more than six inches. The "smooth" side of the fence will face neighboring properties.

The second change changes the maximum height of fences from 42" to 6' on double frontage lots where no access is permitted to the more heavily traveled roadway. The prior regulations treated this "back yard" as a second front yard and would not allow fences in excess of 42" to be within the front yard setback mandated by the Zoning Code.

The final change establishes a permitting procedure. In the past, no permit has been required to install a fence. This led to some fences being installed in conflict with the regulations. Under the new regulations, no fence can be erected in the City unless the owner or erector of the fence applies to the Planning Department for a fence construction permit. The fee for a fence permit is \$10. Each property owner must certify that the fence or wall does not encroach upon another lot or parcel of land. The City may furnish an inspection if necessary. However, the inspection, if provided, will not be construed to mean the City has determined that the fence or wall is not encroaching upon another lot, nor will it relieve the property owner of the duty imposed upon him or her.

If you have any questions regarding the new fence regulations, contact the Planning Department at (937) 339-9481.

## CODIFIED ORDINANCES NOW ONLINE

The City of Troy's Codified Ordinances can now be found online at [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov). The Ordinances are searchable and will be updated.

## New Booster Station to Improve Water Pressure

The City of Troy will be installing a water booster station to improve water pressure in the far northwest neighborhoods including Marybill Drive, Corporate Drive, West Main Street west of Corporate Drive, Westhaven, Kings Chapel, Fox Harbor, and Carriage Crossing. When completed, the water pressure in the area will increase approximately 15 to 20 psi. The increased pressure will also improve the water pressure from hydrants for fire fighting. The station will be located on city-owned property near the Time Warner Cable office on Experiment Farm Road. The scheduled completion date is June 2006.

Residents and businesses that have not inspected the integrity of their washing machine water hoses are urged to do so. While the change in water pressure is safe, weak areas in the hoses may rupture due to the change in pressure. Inspection of washer hoses should be a routine scheduled preventive measure all residents should adopt. Questions regarding this improvement should be forwarded to the Utilities Division at (937) 339-5554.

## Dye Mill Facility To Re-Open In April

The City of Troy will open the Dye Mill Road facility on Monday, April 3, 2006. The facility will be open designated days and hours in order to provide a flexible schedule to residents of Troy. The hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The facility is closed on Wednesdays.

These hours will be maintained through November 25, 2006. The facility will be closed on the following legal holidays: May 29 (Memorial Day), July 4 (Independence Day), September 4 (Labor Day), and November 23 (Thanksgiving Day). Persons using the facility will have to provide proof that they are residents of Troy. The items to be deposited will also be checked for acceptance.

The only items that can be accepted at the Dye Mill Road facility are grass, garden refuse, dirt, sod, small rocks, broken concrete, bricks, or block. EPA regulations do not permit the acceptance of brush, sticks, or twigs.



Troy Aquatic Park season passes go on sale March 1, 2006. Buy your season pass before May 26, 2006 to receive the Early Bird discount. Passes may be purchased at the Troy Recreation Department, Hobart Arena at 255 Adams Street until May 26 and at the Troy Aquatic Park beginning Saturday, May 27, 2006 during pool hours.

For more information on the Troy Aquatic Park, please call the Recreation Department at (937) 339-5145.

## Miami Shores Golf Fees, Concession, and Golf Shop

Did you know the Miami Shores Golf Course has a concession area with plenty of tables to sit down and enjoy a variety of breakfast or lunch items? You don't have to be a golfer to enjoy the exceptional food. The concession is open to the public. The Golf Course is a great place to grab a quick bite at a low price!

Did you know the Golf Course sells a variety of name brand golf items? Come purchase new clubs, utility clubs, a golf bag, golf balls, gloves, shoes, and a variety of other golf related items. Once you are full and have all of the equipment that you need, it is time to enjoy a round of golf.

### Full Memberships (unlimited play): Limited to 70 adults and 30 juniors

Single Adult	\$760.00
Senior Adult (60 yrs. old)	\$655.00
Juniors	\$225.00
(seniors in high school or under)	
Husband & Wife	\$1,305.00
Senior Husband & Wife	\$990.00

### Pass Membership (Plus Green Fees)

Single Adult	\$325.00 - Plus \$6.00 each day
Senior Adult	\$275.00 - Plus \$5.00 each day
Juniors	\$60.00 - Plus \$5.00 each day

### Daily Green Fees

Weekday - 9 holes	\$13.00
Weekday - 18 holes	\$18.00
Weekday Special (before 3:00 p.m.) (includes 18 holes w/ cart)	\$24.00
Weekend - 9 holes	\$13.00
Weekend - 18 holes	\$20.00

There is a \$7.00 charge per person for a golf cart for 9 holes and a \$12.00 charge per person for 18 holes. Lockers rental is \$20.00 per year. Adult club storage is available for \$50.00 plus a \$10.00 key deposit.

If you have questions, contact the Miami Shores Golf Course at (937) 335-4457.

## Happenings at Hobart Arena



**THE JORDAN WORLD CIRCUS** will return to Hobart Arena on Tuesday, March 21, 2006. Show times will be 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$16.00 for adults and \$8.00 for youths (12 years old & younger).

**TROY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS EXPO** will occur on Thursday, April 27, 2006 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. Come out and see what the Troy business community has to offer and sample a "Taste of Troy".

### MIAMI VALLEY SILVERBACKS INDOOR FOOTBALL TEAM AT HOBART ARENA



The Silverbacks will kick off its inaugural home season at Hobart Arena on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Season tickets are available now by calling (937) 718-7044. Season ticket packages will include 7 games for the price of 6. \$25 season ticket pass holders will also receive a free parking pass for all 7 games. Single game tickets will go on sale Monday, March 13, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. Ticket prices are \$25.00, \$20.00, \$15.00, and \$10.00. Single game tickets may be purchased by visiting the Hobart Arena Offices weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can also order by phone at (937) 339-2911 during business hours.

Come out and enjoy some fast paced football action on the following dates: April 1 vs. Reading, April 8 vs. Canton, April 15 vs. Erie, April 29 vs. Steubenville, May 6 vs. Johnstown, May 13 vs. Huntington, and May 20 vs. Syracuse. Each game starts at 7:00 p.m.

The Miami Valley Silverbacks will have players from the ACC, SEC, and Big Ten including former Ohio State players. Visit [www.gosilverbacks.com](http://www.gosilverbacks.com) for more information about the team, the players, games, and much more!



# CITY CLIPS



## CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

The City of Troy will hold its annual Cemetery spring clean-up the first two weeks in March. All Christmas wreaths, grave blankets, and other decorations will be removed by the cemetery staff. Copies of the new decoration regulations can be obtained at the cemetery office. In accordance with these regulations, spring and summer decorations may be placed beginning April 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call the staff at the Cemetery Office at (937) 335-2710.

## SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP WEEK

The City of Troy will hold its annual "Spring Neighborhood Clean-up Week" from April 17 through April 21, 2006. During this week, residents will be permitted to exceed the standard five-bag limit for household refuse. In addition, residents are encouraged to engage in and promote spring clean-up in their neighborhoods. The items that are collected should be of the type normally classified as household refuse and should be placed in standard containers for collection (bags and trash cans, but not boxes). Items that are classified as recyclable should be placed in recycling bins for collection.

If citizens have questions or need to obtain a recycling bin, please call the Central Maintenance & Service Facility at (937) 335-1914.

## REVISED INCOME GUIDELINES FOR PAINT VOUCHER PROGRAM

The 2006 Paint Voucher and Garage Demolition Programs will soon be in full stride. The Paint Voucher Program assists residents by providing up to \$250 for the purchase of paint for the exterior of their home. The Garage Demolition Program provides funds for those residents who wish to demolish a "condemnable" garage structure. Certain guidelines apply to both programs.

Recently, new income guidelines were approved for the Paint Voucher Program. They represent a 10% increase over last year's guidelines.

1 person under \$37,070	4 persons \$47,686 - \$52,965	7 persons \$61,436 - \$65,670
2 persons \$37,071 - \$42,405	5 persons \$52,966 - \$57,200	8 persons \$65,671 - \$69,905
3 persons \$42,406 - \$47,685	6 persons \$57,201 - \$61,435	9 persons above \$69,906

Please contact the Planning Department at (937) 339-9481 for more information or stop by their office in City Hall for an application.

## DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor .....Michael L. Beamish

President of Council .....William F. Lohrer

Council Members by Ward:

1st Ward .....Thomas M. Kendall

2nd Ward .....Martha A. Baker

3rd Ward .....Ted S. Mercer

4th Ward .....Jarrod W. Harrah

Council Members At-Large:

.....Alan R. Clark

.....Mark A. Douglas

.....Shirley M. Saxton

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Auditor .....Richard L. Cultice

Treasurer .....Edward L. Cox

Director of Public Service & Safety .....

David E. Anderson

Administrative Assistant and Clerk of Council ..

Sue G. Knight

Management Analyst .....Christy L. Herman

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Development Director .....James A. Dando, Jr.

Administrative Services Director .....

Mark S. Cundiff

Recreation Director .....Kenneth E. Siler

Fiscal Supervisor .....Dale R. Ridenour

Fire Chief .....John A. Denney

Police Chief .....Charles C. Phelps

Park Superintendent .....Timothy J. Mercer

Cemetery Superintendent .....Lewis J. Deeter

Director of Golf .....Kenneth D. Green

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov)

## TROY CITY PROGRAMMING - CHANNEL 9

Watch for the Mayor's Report and the City Council Update programs on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 9.

**Mayor's Report** — Monday - 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday - 11:00 a.m.; Thursday - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday - 7:30 p.m.

**City Council Update** — Monday - 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday - 11:30 a.m.; Thursday - 9:30 p.m.; Sunday - 8:00 p.m.



### The City of Troy

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100 S. Market St.  
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If not, surf over to [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov) and check us out. The site is full of useful information about the City as an organization, as well as the community.

The website changes regularly, so visit often to keep abreast of meeting dates, job openings and other useful information.

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